

### REMARKS

The applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment to place the case in better condition for examination. The applicants presume that the proper claims to amend are the claims as entered following the February 28, 2002 amendment. These claims have been pending through the filing of the present application -- which was previously filed as a Continued Prosecution Application on October 24, 2002. An "after-final" amendment filed April 29, 2003 was not entered by the Examiner and, as of today, it is understood by the applicants that another "after-final" amendment filed on October 9, 2003 was also not entered.

In view of the foregoing, favorable action on the application is hereby respectfully requested.

#### **CALCULATION OF CLAIM FEES**

CLAIM CALCULATION CHART						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	24	Minus	20	4	x \$18	\$ 72.00
Indep. Claims	6	Minus	3	3	x \$86	\$258.00
						Total \$330.00

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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